

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A multimedia distribution kiosk can communicate with a remote user to receive multimedia requests and can communicate with a multimedia content provider to obtain requested multimedia content. The kiosk can cache received multimedia content and provide the content as desired. The kiosk can also be used to upload multimedia content to a server. For example, an occupant of an automobile may access a system of kiosks to determine the nearest kiosk and request download of content prior to arrival at that kiosk.

A method of processing multimedia data includes providing remote access by a user device associated with a user to a multimedia distribution unit, communicating with the user device and a multimedia server, caching multimedia content downloaded from the server, and providing the downloaded content to the user device.

A system includes a multimedia server, and a distributed network of multimedia kiosks. The kiosks can communicate with the server to obtain multimedia data and can communicate with a remote user device to determine desired data. The server provides the desired data to a selected kiosk in accordance with where the user device is expected to be in the future.